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Dear Mr Deffrennes,

Thank you for your email of 5 September 2022 to Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans, Commissioner Kadri Simson and Commissioner Thierry Breton addressing the European Green Deal energy policies. I have been asked to reply on their behalf.

As you indicate, energy plays a crucial role today. With no doubt, the energy crisis we are witnessing is of an unprecedented scope and requires long-term measures, on top of the emergency actions we are working on. Whilst we deal with this immediate crisis, we must also look forward. In that regard, the European Commission is working on a deep and comprehensive reform of the electricity market to ensure an electricity market design that does justice to consumers.

When responding to the energy crisis, the European Commission is considering the three pillars you mention in your letter for a socially sustainable energy policy. Both, environmental protection and European Union's economy are being considered when addressing energy supply challenges. With REPowerEU, the Commission aims to reduce dependency on Russian fossil fuels and build a future based on clean energy.

The clean energy transition will help lower energy prices over time and reduce import dependency. The Commission seeks to accelerate renewable energy deployment through actions on renewable hydrogen, solar and wind energy, including strengthening supply chains and accelerate permitting.

It will also boost energy savings. Increasing energy efficiency is often the cheapest, safest and cleanest way to ensure progress towards the clean energy transition and reduce fossil fuels dependency.

To diversify supplies, an EU Energy Platform and Regional Task Forces have been established to identify needs and options for joint purchasing of gas. This will make optimal use of the collective political and market weight of the European Union and its Member States to dampen prices in negotiations.

To keep working in a spirit of European solidarity on a coordinated response to the current energy crisis is vital. However, it is important to note that it is ultimately up to Member States to decide on their energy mix.

The European Commission is closely cooperating with the European Parliament and Member States on tackling energy prices and security of supply while protecting citizens, the industry and delivering on our climate targets.

Yours sincerely,

*Electronically signed*

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